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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CI/CD)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-40 are pending and have been examined.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 22 May 2006 has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-5 and 7-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by **Smith** et al. (US 6,477,703 B1).

Claim 1

Smith discloses a method for updating and maintaining current operating information on a processor-based target device, the method comprising the steps of:

discovering current operating information associated with the target device (*column 2, lines 2-6*);

comparing the current operating information associated with the target device with updated operating information retrievable from a database (*column 2, lines 11-14*);

identifying at least one patch applicable to the discovered current operating information associated with the target device (*column 2, lines 14-17*);

determining if the at least one identified patch has been applied on the target device and, if necessary, applying the at least one identified patch on the target device (*column 2, lines 18-28*); and

entering an updated patch status of the target device in the database (*column 2, lines 10-11*).

Claim 2

Smith discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the current operating information of the target device includes at least one of a group comprised of:

(a) an identity and version level of at least one software application program currently residing on the target device (*column 2, lines 8-10; column 3, lines 8-11*);

(b) an identity and version level of at least one operating system residing on the target device (*column 2, lines 8-10; column 3, lines 8-11*);

(c) an identity and version level of at least one hardware device residing on the target device (*column 3, lines 25-29*); and

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(d) an identity and version level of at least one firmware program residing on the target device.

Claim 3

Smith discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: querying the database to determine a patch status of the target device; and identifying gaps in patch coverage for the target device (*column 2, lines 10-17*).

Claim 4

Smith discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the target device is in communication with a server (*column 3, lines 36-45*).

Claim 5

Smith discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the discovering step includes a plurality of target devices (*column 3, lines 36-45*).

Claim 7

Smith discloses the method of claim 1 further comprising a computer readable medium having stored therein instructions for causing a processor to execute the steps of the method (*column 3, lines 36-45*).

Claim 8

Smith discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the at least one identified patch includes two components comprising a state file for importing into the database and a manifest file used by a target agent on tile target device that provides policy information and security information for the at least one identified patch (*column 4, lines 14-20*).

Claim 9

Smith discloses the method of claim 8 wherein the state file comprises patch information, detailed information about patch components and patch target information from a patch authority and wherein the manifest file includes patch target information from a patch authority, prerequisite and superceded path information, a plurality of indicators used to determine if a patch is properly installed and information on how to apply a patch (*column 4, line 66 to column 5, line 11*).

Claims 10-40

The limitations of claims 10-40 correspond to the limitations of claims 1-5 and 7-9 and are rejected in a corresponding manner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Smith et al. (US 6,477,703 B1).

Claim 6

Smith did not teach plurality of mobile devices. Official Notice is taken that it was known at the time of invention to implement computers as mobile devices. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to implement the computers of **Smith** as mobile devices. This implementation would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to patch all computer types that are out of date.

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